By BRIGGS

Johnson's Order May Close All American League Parks After To-day's

Baseball Magnates Differ on Question of Stopping Game

No Official Action Yet

25,000 at Polo Grounds

At the Polo Grounds yesterday some 25,000 spectators witnessed the double-header between the St. Louis Browns and the Yankees—a crowd hardly warranted by the respective standings of the two clubs and the importance of the two games played.

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American League Directors to Meet in Cleveland Tomorrow and National's Chiefs Here Wednesday to Decide as to Finishing Schedules

By Louis Lee Arms

Ban Johnson, president of the American League, announced from Chicago last night that after to-day's scheduled games American League baseball parks would close their gates for the duration of the war. This decision, he said, could be altered only by unexpected developments.

Johnson's announcement came as the climax of an historic day in basehall. Throughout the day telegraphic dispatches and local interviews indicated that there was a wide divergence of opinion among the baseball magnates. It was believed that no unaniity of action would be reached prior to the meeting of the American League directors at Cleveland tomorrow and the National League directors in New York Wednesday.

It was unofficially held that the state-® ment by Secretary of War Baker, outlining baseball's status during the war, sounded the deathknell of America's "national game" for the period of the war and paved the way for immediate dissolution of the American and National League pennant races.

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American and National leagues, found support in some quarters on the premise that the world's series games would be played gratis in army cantonments, or that the entire receipts of the same would be turned over to the American Red Cross or some other charity war fund, if played in regular parks. Whether Frazee would consent to this arrangement was not indicated.

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1. President James C. Dunn of the Cleveland American League club sent the following message to Cleveland from Chicago:

"We will play a double-header with Philadelphia to-morrow, and then will close the ball park for the balance of the season. It is our desire to comply promptly with Secretary Baker's ruling on baseball. My may told me they did not care to I upon the field and have leathanged fans shout at them to get useful jobs. I agreed heartily with them. They are all prepared to step into new work."

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2. By call from President John K.
Tener, the directors of the National
League will hold a special meeting
in New York Wednesday.

3. American League directors have
been summoned to Cleveland by
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4. Provost Marshal General Crowder said yesterday that enforcement of the "work or fight" order as applied to baseball would be left to the discretion of the various local boards in the United States having jurisdiction over the players. There would be, he indicated, no attempt to force the two major leagues into immediate disbandment.

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6. Harry Frazee, owner of the Boson Red Sox, American League leadrs, declared yesterday he would not onsent to immediate dissolution of he American League, but that he avored a completion of a 100-game ched le, with a world's series to ollow between the winners in the kmertan and National leagues.
7. The Eastern League announced hat it would suspend for the season fiter the scheduled games of to-day. American Association directors are o meet in Chicago, with the indications that they, too, will close shop.
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What Big Men In Baseballdom Have to Say

NOLONEL RUPPERT, owner of the Yankees: "I am ready to go on as long as I have enough players to make up a team unless Uncle Sam rules

Harry Frazee, owner of the Red Sox: "I suggest that 100 games of the schedule be played by the American and National League teams, followed by a world series early next month.

"The Red Sox have already played eighty-six games. It requires unanimous consent of club owners to close the season."

August Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission: "My judgment is that the two major leagues should put the matter up to the proper authorities at once to find out whether we shall be given a reasonable time to adjust and if necessary close out our business or whether we shall

Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington Americans: "My team will continue the season as long as it has players enough and as long as there are other teams

James C. Dunn, of the Cleve-land Americans: "We will play a double-header with the Philadelphia team to-morrow (Sunday) and then close our park." Branch Rickey, president of the

It was evident that nothing official would develop prior to the separate meetings of the American and National league directors. President Johnson attempted to force a decision among his directors on the advisability of immediately terminating the race in the junior major league, but conflicting opinion made it obvious that no more than an unofficial disagreement could be reached telegraphically.

In consequence the eyes of the baseball world will be turned toward Cleveland Monday, when the American League will outline its course. It is by no means certain that the National League will follow the lead taken by the American, as the relations between the two leagues have been strained since the development of the Scott Perry case, in which Connie Mack appealed to a civil court to combat the order of the National Commission to the Southern pitcher over to the Boston National League club.

That Secretary Baker's statement was a surprise to the majority of baseball magnates they made no attempt to conceal. The exceptionally large crowds that have gathered in major league circles, and particularly at the Polo Grounds, led to the belief that baseball as a means of relaxation would be allowed to continue until the end of the current season.

25,000 at Polo Grounds St. Louis National League team: "It will take some time for the local boards to reclassify the players and during that time there is no reason why the schedules may not be continued."

President Tener of the National League: "I have called a meeting of the National League in New York City next Wednesday, at which we will decide."

The American League will hold a meeting at Cleveland to-morrow

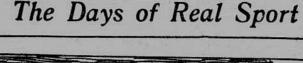
Red Sox Make it Two Straight

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It was said at the Polo Grounds that whatever course the National and American leagues determined upon baseball in New York would not be completely abandoned at the major league parks. A schedule calling for four playing days a week among teams built from the draft remnants of the Yankees, Giants and Brooklyn Dodgers, it was declared, would be put into immediate operation upon the disbandment of the two major leagues.

Managers Huggins, McGraw and Robinson all expressed confidence that they could recruit clubs to participate in such play if the course was decided upon.

The Days of Real Sport





New York Yanks Divide With St. Louis Browns in Double Bill at Polo Grounds

Twenty-five Thousand Fans Witness Funeral of Base-

ball in Gotham

By Charles A. Taylor

The "funeral" of baseball in New York City, if funeral be the proper term, was held at the Polo Grounds the largest "funeral" the metropolis has ever seen. The obsequies were witnessed by 25,000 men, women and Over Detroit men from two organizations known as the Yankees and the Browns.

Still Lagging!

Westerners Victors in Opening Contest, While High-

Yankee player has hit a homer into

Ankee player has hit a homer into the 400 430 this stand.

The Browns rallied in the ninth and put over two runs, infield singles by Smith and Nunamaker and a triple by Smith and Nunamaker and a triple by Maisel doing the damage. Gilhooley was a bit responsible, for he tried to make a shoestring catch when he might have played the ball safe.

Take it all in all, it was some "FUNERAL."

Braves Drive Schneider

From Box and Beat Reds

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10n1669, Pirates Divide Double-Header

With Phillies

PITTSBURGH, July 20 .- Pittsburgh and Philadelphia broke even in to-day's contest, which was won in the ninth inning on Bigbee's triple and Carey's

Giants Victors In Close Game Over Cardinals

McGraw's Speed Boys Win Ten-Inning Game to Tune of 6-4

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 20 .- Larry Doyle's long home run won a ten-inning victory for the New York Giants to-day over the St. Louis Cardinals by a score ish that netted the Giants their victory. as they scored three runs in the eighth and tenth innings. Besides scoring the run that won for the Giants Doyle also forced home the tieing tally when he worked Doak for a base on balls in the

was the annual field day of the St. Louis Tuberculosis Relief Society. Officials of the fêto estimated that the affair would realize about \$40,000, to be for soldiers and sailors who contract the disease during the war

In the service ball /game Jefferson Barracks defeated the Great Lakes Naval Training Station for the middle West title by a score of 6 to 5. The Giants clinched the game in

the tenth inning by collecting three runs from Bill Doak, a rescue pitcher, who for the second time in as many days failed to appropriately accomplish his deed. Doak was smashed for with the Giants running bases cleverly threatened to overhaul the Giants in their half of the tenth, but George Smith pulled through after the local

Poll Perritt opened on the mound for the Giants, while Carl Mays was the flinger for the local contingent. For five innings, neither gave an inch, with each club collecting only two hits. However, Perritt was the first to suffer from the strain, and after the Cards had scored one run in the sixth and two in the seventh, he was supplanted by Smith. Doak also took the place of Mays in the eight when the Giants drove Mays from the mound with a cluster of three runs.

In Philadelphia



landers Capture Final